

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/069,578 Confirmation No. 3832  
Applicant : T. SHIBUYA et al.  
Filed : February 27, 2002  
Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER AND RACK TRANSFER DEVICE  
TC/AU : 1797  
Examiner : J. Nagpaul  
Customer No. : 24956

**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP: AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2009, and further to the Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time filed on October 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

If a fee or additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or additional fee that may be required and credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (ASA-1070).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fees accompany this Response.**